

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT  
THOMAS D. GORDY, JR.—SCOTTSDALE  
HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE  
TO MILITARY" HONOREE

### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of the Armed Forces from my home State of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare recognizes service members who perform diligent service to our country. Scottsdale Healthcare has recognized Staff Sergeant (SSgt) Thomas D. Gordy, Jr. for the month of December.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to this outstanding service member for his commitment, dedication, and service to our country.

SSgt Gordy joined the United States Air Force out of high school in 1968. He served our Nation for four years as a Physiological Training Specialist and was responsible to ensure the readiness of pilots in all services for the rigors of combat aviation. This specialty requires spending many hours in a high altitude chamber to train and monitor flight crews while exposing them to the dangerous conditions of hypoxia and the potential for decompression sickness. By educating pilots and crews on their individual vulnerabilities to these life threatening conditions, SSgt Gordy was instrumental in creating medically ready and trained individuals to engage in the U.S. conflict in Vietnam.

Additionally, SSgt Gordy was trained to treat aviation related medical issues that arise from the demanding effects of military flight. He has logged over eighty hours in hyperbaric chambers assisting our wounded warriors and helping them in their return to duty. SSgt Gordy's awards include the National Defense Service Medal and an Outstanding Unit Award.

SSgt Gordy has been a Scottsdale Healthcare employee for six years, working in the Emergency Department at the Osborn Campus where he has filled positions as a staff nurse, clinical educator, and currently the department manager.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding Soldier for serving our country.

### TRIBUTE TO CONSTANTINO DELSIGNORE

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and mourn the extraordinary life of Constantino DelSignore upon his sudden passing at the age of 47.

Born on December 2, 1962, Tino DelSignore graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1980. He immersed himself in the DelSignore family business becoming a warm and welcoming presence at Livonia mainstays, Fonte D'Amore and Laurel Manor. He dedicated his life to serving his community through many philanthropic efforts. Tino was founder of CDS Foundation, co-

founder of the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Foundation as well as being an advocate for many other local, national and international non-profit organizations. Tino committed his considerable efforts to Angela Hospice, the Aliaga Foundation, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, St. Mary's Mercy Hospital's Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, Botsford Hospital Foundation, McCarty Foundation, Madonna University, Hunters Feeding the Homeless, Livonia Italian American Club, Hockey Has Hearts, veterans' organizations, and Rotarians. Constantino DelSignore gave with an open heart and, like the entire DelSignore family, was always willing to help promote a worthy cause.

Regrettably, on October 26, 2010, Tino DelSignore passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved son, Giovanni and his parents, John and Lina. A devoted brother to Luciano, Nancy and Renata, Tino leaves a legacy in his nieces and nephews Ryder, Caprice, Coco, Alexa, Olivia, Alexandria and Max. If, in the end, a man's wealth can be measured by the friends and lives he has touched, Constantino DelSignore went home to God a very wealthy man. Courageous and honorable, Tino will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, Constantino DelSignore is remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated son, a treasured brother, a caring leader and a true friend. Tino was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Constantino DelSignore farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and community.

### RECOGNIZING MR. EARL NIDIFFER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the 100th birthday of Mr. Earl Nidiffer. This significant milestone is certainly an incredible accomplishment.

A graduate from East Tennessee State University in 1934, Earl went on to become a star baseball and basketball player for the Bucs in the early 1930's.

His first job out of college was as the Sports Editor for the Johnson City Press. Earl later went on to work for the U.S. Postal Office in Johnson City. In addition, Earl is the oldest active member of Central Baptist Church in Johnson City.

Madam Speaker, EARL Nidiffer's tenacity and service to East Tennessee is a beacon of hope to us all. I want to thank him for all he has done, and I wish Earl nothing but the very best.

May the experience and wisdom Earl has attained and shared over the years encourage and teach those around him, lasting for generations to come.

### IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER LORI RILEY

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Police Dispatcher Lori Riley for her 20 years of dedicated service to Burlingame Police Department.

She joined the department in 1990 after working for seven years as a communications operator with the California Highway Patrol. At the department, she was responsible for answering incoming emergency calls from the public and dispatching help to save both lives and property. She was a vital link to police officers, monitoring their activities by radio and providing them information while insuring their safety. She served as a Communications Training Officer, providing trainees with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively perform their duties.

Lori was recognized by the American Red Cross and the California State Assembly for her heroic efforts to save the life of a woman who had threatened to commit suicide.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the members join me in saluting Dispatcher Lori Riley for her 20 years of dedicated service to the Burlingame Police Department and that we extended our best wishes to Lori and her husband, Steve, for a healthy and happy retirement.

### CONGRATULATING JERRY BROCK, RECIPIENT OF TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S THIRD ANNUAL GUIDING LIGHT PHILANTHROPY AWARD

### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Brock, a Tempe, Arizona resident who was recently honored with the third annual Guiding Light Philanthropy Award by the Tempe Community Council. The Tempe Community Council was founded in 1972 with the mission of "connecting those in need with those who care."

Jerry started his career working in his father's auto salvage yard in Tempe over 50 years ago. Through his impeccable work ethic over the years, Jerry has become a national leader in the wholesale auto parts industry, through his company, Brock Supply Co., which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. Just as Jerry worked steadily to build his company, he has worked tirelessly to improve his community.

Jerry has been giving back to his community continuously through the years. He recently crossed the \$1 million mark in charitable gifts, primarily to causes within his home community of Tempe. Among the organizations that Jerry has supported over the years are the Cancer Foundation, East Valley Boys and Girls Club, Community Bridges and the Tempe City Council.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jerry Brock for his well deserved